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AMERICAN GATEWAYS

- Celebrating our 30th anniversary this year. We provide free and low cost immigration legal services.
- 3 offices: Austin, San Antonio, Waco
- Service area: 20 counties in Central Texas
- Last year we served more than 20,000 individuals last year, opened 1000 new cases, and represented individuals from 69 different countries

OUR PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- **Program Representing Immigrant Survivors of Abuse**
 - VAWA self-petitions
 - U Visas
 - T Visas
- **Asylum and Detention Assistance Program**
 - Affirmative & defensive asylum
 - Only legal services provider in Austin working in the 4 Central Texas detention centers (Hutto, Pearsall, Karnes & Dilley)
- **Family Based Immigration, Adjustment, and Citizenship Program**
 - DACA
 - Family Petitions
 - Adjustment of Status
 - Citizenship

REQUEST TO THE COMMISSION

Request the City fund legal services for the low-income immigrant community. There is an increased need for services particularly with the changes in immigration policy at the State and Federal level.

There is a Need for:

- Education and Outreach: providing current and accurate information effectively disseminated to the immigrant community
- Immigration Legal Advice and consultation
- Full legal representation before the Immigration Court

WHAT WOULD BE FUNDED?

\$400,000 would fund a non-profit's ability to provide services for a year that would include:

- Conduct regular outreach & education for Austin immigrant communities
- Provide approximately 100 one-on-one consultations a month
- Take approximately 15-20 full legal representation cases a month, including deportation defense.

All this to assure the immigrant community it has access to the legal services needed in the coming months.



Thank you!



*invites you to join us for some light fare, drinks
& music in celebration of*

IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH
on
JUNE 29, 2017 • 6:30–8:30PM



St. James Episcopal Church
1941 Webberville Rd., Austin TX 78721

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